(6) Low lead petrol had been introduced in the four metro cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai w.e.f. June 1994. Subsequently, unleaded petrol for catalytic converter fitted vehicles was introduced in the above mentioned cities with effect from 1.4.1995. Unleaded petrol is being introduced in the entire country in a phased manner. Sulphur is being progressively reduced in diesel. Fuel quality standards for petrol and diesel have been notified.

(7) Gross emission standards for on-road vehicles and mass emission standards for all categories of new vehicles have been notified under the Central Motor Vehicles Rule, 1989. More stringent emission norms have also been notified and will come into effect from 1.4.2000.

(8) Fiscal incentives are provided for installation of pollution control equipment.

(c)The WHO has supported a study to carry out the epidemiological investigation of morbidity due to air pollution which was carried out by the Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, Delhi.

Disinvestment of Hindustan Insecticides Limited

*292. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to disinvest Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to revive the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) Hindustan Insecticides Limited is not sick in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision) Act, 1985, hence it does not need to be revived. The Company is, however, being given budgetary support for various projects.